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The request for oral hearing and the Reply Brief Under 37 C.F.R. 1.193 filed 10/6/05 are acknowledged.

The Reply Brief should have been filed under 37 C.F.R. 41.41.

The Reply Brief has been entered and considered but no further response by the Examiner is deemed necessary. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

The information disclosure statements filed 7/7/05, 12/6/04 and 10/25/04 fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.97(d) because it lacks a statement as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e). It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phuong Huynh whose telephone number is (571) 272-0846. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:30 p.m. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan can be reached on (571) 272-0841. The IFW official Fax number is (571) 273-8300.

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